

07-14-93 WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1993

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1993

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 1993

9:30 O'CLOCK A.M.

IN ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Present: Supervisors Gloria Molina, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke,
Deane Dana, and Edmund D. Edelman, Chairman

Absent: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

07-14-93.1 MORNING SESSION

07-14-93.1.1 2-B

The Board received and filed and took under advisement requests and statements relating to the Beilenson Hearings and the proposed 1993-94 County Budget as follows:

1. Statements of Ilona Lewis, Director, Department of Coroner, Dr. Lakshmanan Sathyavagiswaran, Chief Medical Examiner and Richard Callahan, Los Angeles County Funeral Director's Association, regarding proposed budget cuts for the Department of Coroner and the problems that will be caused in providing prompt service.
 2. Statements of Robert Gates, Director of Health Services and Gary W. Wells, Assistant Administrator, Finance, regarding proposed cuts in the Department's budget and the impact the cuts will have on health services in Los Angeles County.
 3. Statements of William Schrener, Denise Smith and Samuel and Lita Jones regarding the impact the proposed budget will have on LAC+USC Medical Center.
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07-14-93.1.2 2-B (Continued)

4. Statement of Raul Pardo, Member of the Public Health Commission, regarding closure of comprehensive and public health facilities that are proposed in the budget.
5. Statement of Arnold Butler, Chairman of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital Authority, regarding the proposed closure of comprehensive health facilities and the impact it will have on the Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center.
6. Statement of Dr. Cynthia Stocks, Vice President, Joint Council of Interns and Residents at LAC+USC Medical Center, regarding the closures of hospitals proposed in the Health Services budget.
7. Statements of Dr. William Payne, President, Joint Council of Interns and Residents at Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center and Dr. Glen March, regarding proposed budget

cuts to hospitals and requesting that Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center remain open.

8. Statement of Dr. Joseph VanDerMeuhlen, Vice President, Health Affairs at LAC+USC Medical Center, regarding proposed closure of health clinics and the impact it will have on LAC+USC Medical Center by causing a large influx of people to seek medical treatment there.
9. Statement of Dr. Reed T. Tuckson, President of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, regarding the impact the proposed Health Services budget will have on the remaining hospitals.
10. Statements of Dr. Walt Hazard, Dr. Robert E. Tranquada, Chair of the Los Angeles County Task Force on Health Care Access, Dr. Benjamin Shwachman, President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Mike Pfeiffer, Bonnie Armstrong, Los Angeles Roundtable for Children/Watts Health Foundation, Dr. Trisha Roth, Chairperson, West District Health Advisory Council and Dr. Benjamin Karpman, Member of the Hospitals Commission, regarding proposed cuts in the Health Services budget and the impact it will have on health care for the citizens of Los Angeles County.

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The meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m. following Board Order No. 2-B until 2:15 p.m. Present were Supervisors Molina, Burke, Dana and Edelman, Chairman presiding. Absent was Supervisor Antonovich.

07-14-93.2 AFTERNOON SESSION

07-14-93.2.1 4-B

1. Statements of Peter McDermott, Chair of the Commission on AIDS and Marcy Kaplan, Co-Chair of the HIV Health Services

Planning Council, regarding the impact the proposed Health Services budget cuts will have on HIV and AIDS treatment.

2. Statement of Mimi West, Los Angeles Free Clinic and Chair of the Los Angeles Community Clinic's Council regarding the proposed cuts to the Health Services budget.
 3. Statement of Debra Ward, Watts Health Foundation, opposing the proposed closure of the Hubert H. Humphrey and H. Claude Hudson Comprehensive Health Centers and the impact it will have on health care in Los Angeles County.
 4. Statements of Chrystie Thomas, Physical Therapist at Rancho Los Amigos, Ruth Morgan for Hanna Zaklett, a patient at Rancho Los Amigos, Dr. Matthew Locks, a retired physician from Rancho Los Amigos, Sandra Delahoussaye, R.N., Chaplain Caroline Baker, Kirk Kilgour, Paul Lane, Patty Strong, Dennis Modrich, Steve Caniglio, Greg Thompson, Violet Johnson, David Coffey and David Dobe, regarding the proposed Health Services budget and the impact on Rancho Los Amigos Medical Center. (Petitions with 2,400 signatures were submitted)
 5. Statement of Anne Hyland, General Relief Advocacy Project, objecting to the proposed reduction in General Relief benefits.
 6. Statement of Carolyn Besnyl, Chair, Service Area Advisory Committee No. 6, regarding proposed reductions in the Mental Health Department's budget.
 7. Statement of Dr. Areta Crowell, Director of Mental Health, regarding the proposed cuts to her Department's budget and the impact it will have on providing mental health services.
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07-14-93.2.2 4-B (Continued)

8. Statements of Adrian Cedro-Hammett, Member, Mental Health Commission, Richard Van Horn and Betty Pfromm,

representatives of the Association of Community Mental Health Agencies, Chief Joseph Santoro, Monrovia Police Chief and member of the Board of Directors of Pacific Clinics, Pearl Johnson, Administrator, Project Return - The Next Step, Dolores Encinas, McDonald Carey, and Erma Montoya, representatives of the Association of Community Mental Health Agencies and Salenya Blalock, former resident of Penny Lane, regarding proposed reductions in the Mental Health Department's budget.

9. Statements of Deborah Ching, Gladys Lee and Herb Hatanaka, representatives of the Asian Pacific Planning Council, regarding proposed cuts to their Agency's funding which will severely impact the services provided to the Asian community.
10. Statements of Jannelle Munn, Children's Citizen Advisory Council and Elinor Simmons, Parents Advocate Council, regarding proposed budget cuts for services provided to mentally ill children.
11. Statements of Helen Lear, Hillview Mental Health Center Board of Directors, Astrid Bodeb, member LAPEM and Rose Massa, Los Angeles County Latino Mental Health Council, requesting that funding continue for mental health services in Los Angeles County.
12. Statements of Dr. Joseph McWhorter and Dr. Marla Shaver, Martin Luther King, Jr./Drew Medical Center, Paula Leshay, Director, Westside Women's Health Center, and Dr. Carol Jennings, South Central Family Health Center regarding proposed cuts in health services provided in Los Angeles County.
13. Statements of Lula Maeshack, Florence-Firestone Coalition and Louie Driver, regarding budget cuts proposed in the South Central area to the libraries, parks, health and community service centers.
14. Statements of Timothy Mansfield, Friends of the Library-Santa Clarita Valley and Mayor Pat Wallach, City of El Monte, regarding proposed library closures.

07-14-93.2.3 4-B (Continued)

15. Statement of Rena Dayson, Loma Alta Park Community Advocate, regarding proposed park closures in the Parks and Recreation Department's budget.
16. Statement of Beatrice Lozana, regarding proposed cuts in mental health benefits.
17. Statement of Ron Dyer, regarding the need for good leadership in government.

Administrative requests by individual Supervisors for reports from Department Heads on various matters, as follows:

- Supervisor Molina requested the Chief Administrative Officer to evaluate and report back to the Board during Budget Deliberations on the programmatic and economic feasibility of merging the Coroner and the Sheriff with the express purpose of making savings to be applied to direct services; also County Counsel was requested to confirm and report back to the Board during Budget Deliberations on the legal feasibility under Government Code Section 23400 and 24306.
- Supervisor Molina requested the Director of Health Services to itemize grant programs (State and Federal) for the purpose of determining if waivers can be obtained for use of designated funds to keep health clinics open and report back to the Board before Budget Deliberations.
- Supervisor Edelman requested the Chief Administrative Officer to review and report on the possibility of receiving State reimbursement for Coroner services that are being provided on State highways.
- Supervisor Edelman requested the Director of Health

Services to respond to testimony presented by Dr. Trisha Roth, that bus and rail services are not posting warning signs regarding the affect of alcohol on pregnancy.

Meeting adjourned (Following Board Order No. 4-B).
The Beilenson and Budget Hearings were continued to Thursday, July 15, 1993, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. Next regular meeting of the Board: Thursday morning, July 15, 1993, at 9:30 o'clock a.m.

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the adjourned regular meeting of July 13, 1993 held on July 14, 1993, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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GUERRERO, Chief
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